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## DOOM PAUL KRUGER'S EXCESSIVE DEMANDS.

### Boer Organ in London Says He Will Not Deviate from His Position.

### Germany Did Ask Portugal Per- mission to March Troops Through Her Strip.

### Russia's Hesitation Due to the Im- pressive Showing Made by Eng- land's Two Great Squadrons.

### LORD SALISBURY'S QUEER CABINET.

Avowals of Friendship to England on the part of Portugal, Italy and Austro-Hungary, with France wavering in the balance.

By Julian Ralph.  
London, Jan. 10.—The European fire blackened yesterday, and there was only a threatening glow of live fire under the dead crust of black coals. But to-day the flames leap up again, and war seems nearer.

The news from the Transvaal is what fanned the flame. If it be true that Jameson is not released, and that Krueger is to demand the independence of the Transvaal on pain of an appeal to the Continental powers, only two things can prevent hostilities. Either Krueger must change his mind or Emperor William must fall to get the Czar's support.

There had been hints yesterday that Krueger was about to make exorbitant demands, but to-night's dispatch in the Diggers' News gives them tangible shape.

There has long been a paper here called the African Oracle, representing the mining interests under European control. It is a Uitlanders' anti-Boer organ. A week ago the Diggers' News of Johannesburg established a weekly issue here to represent Boer interests. Therefore this news of Krueger comes from his own people.

### ENGLAND'S DETERMINATION.

There is no doubt of England's position if such are Krueger's terms. Chamberlain assumed a flat-footed attitude in plain terms in his dispatch to Krueger following Emperor William's thunderbolt, and, as I said last night, the method the Queen adopted in writing to Krueger, as well as the words she used were that of a suzerain to a dependent. Furthermore, we have a positive confirmation of the statement made a few days ago that Emperor William did announce to Leyds, agent of the Transvaal, that he intended to send a Minister to Pretoria. Then, again, Portugal now admits that Germany asked permission to march an armed force across

the Portuguese strip into the Transvaal, thus completely destroying the value of the moderate behavior of the Berlin papers during the last two days, and contradicting their efforts to make it appear that the See Adler's men only wished to go ashore to enjoy a picnic.

### HOW DID THE PLOT ORIGINATE?

A way out for Emperor William, if he only meant to bustle, would have been for Krueger to refuse to receive a German Minister and to plead British suzerainty. However, it looks very probable that Germany and the Transvaal have long been planning the humiliation of Britain in Africa, out of which Emperor William would get increased importance and Krueger gain independence. It is quite as likely, on the other hand, that the whole plot was born in Russia, which is using Emperor William as a cat's-paw.

The reason for Russia's hesitation is presumed to be due to the impressive showing of the English naval force ready for action. This grand coup of the flying squadron and the huge naval squadron have certainly had effect in developing avowals of friendship for England on the part of Portugal, Italy and Austria-Hungary, with France wavering in the balance, and wholly subservient to Russia.

It is not true that England is arranging for a second flying squadron. The simple fact is that mechanics are working night and day in many yards on new ships and ships laid up for repairs. England has fifty such war vessels which she can put in commission by the end of January.

Meantime a notable showing of land forces was made yesterday by the Duke of Connaught, who led all the forces at Aldershot over a twenty-mile march in a sham operation based on the supposition of a large invading force marching to London.

### THE NORTH SEA FLEET.

Another very significant fact is that at the Admiralty Office the great fleet which puts to sea on Tuesday is already known and spoken of as the North Sea fleet, as if it were presumed that it is directed against the German coast.

This remarkable Government has taken all the three vital steps without Cabinet meetings. It is understood that Chamberlain took the Colonial office on condition that he could act for himself. Salisbury granted each subordinate the same freedom. So we have seen Jameson ordered to abandon his project and all the vexatious consequences of his rashness handled by the Colonial Secretary alone. Next, when Emperor William flung a firebrand close to the European powder magazine, the Admiralty and War offices at once prepared a grand military demonstration.

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

But to-day's news is that Chamberlain is with the Queen, and that a Cabinet meeting is to be called.

Conjecture pauses when confronted with this situation.

Does it mean the calling of Parliament, which alone can declare war?

Does it mean that the conduct of Germany

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## DEATH SUMMONED HIM IN HIS PEW.

### Broker Theron S. Knapp Fell to His Seat as He Finished Singing a Hymn.

### Carried to the Vestibule, but Died Before the Physi- cian Arrived.

### Sad News Deeply Shocked the Con- gregation and the Services Were Stopped at Once

### MANY YEARS IN WALL STREET.

Member of the Stock Exchange Since 1869—Much of His Wealth Had Been Devoted to Church and Charitable Work.

Theron Skeel Knapp, an old Wall Street broker, and a prominent church-worker, died suddenly in the Clinton Avenue Congregational Church, Brooklyn, on Thursday night. He was stricken down while singing a hymn, and died almost instantly.

Mr. Knapp left his home, No. 363 Grand avenue, Thursday evening, accompanied by his wife, and went to the church, in which he had been a deacon for many years. The pastor, the Rev. Dr. McLeod, conducted the services. As usual, there was singing by the congregation, and Mr. Knapp joined in it with a vim, and his rich, full voice could be heard above those of his fellow worshippers.

He had just finished the last note, when the hymn book dropped from his hand, and he began to gasp heavily. His wife caught his arm, and asked him what was the matter, but he was unable to tell her. Slowly he sank to his seat in the pew, murmuring, "Oh, Lord, Thy will be done."

Mrs. Knapp summoned two ushers, and they carried the stricken man out to the vestibule, and sent for physicians. In an instant the suffering man was surrounded by a dozen members of the congregation, who ran out, supposing that he had fainted. The physicians arrived in a few minutes, but Mr. Knapp was dead. Heart disease had ended a busy and useful life.

### THE SERVICES STOPPED.

The news of Mr. Knapp's death was announced to the congregation. The tragic affair deeply affected everybody in the church, and the services were terminated at once. Mr. Knapp was one of the best known and popular members of the church. The remains were taken to his home.

His death was yesterday announced at the Stock Exchange in this city, of which Mr. Knapp had been a member since 1869. Mr. Knapp was one of the best known men in Wall street, where he operated for about thirty-five years. He was a native of Carbondale, Pa., where he was born in 1834. He was graduated from the public school in that place and completed his education in the New Canaan (Conn.) Institute.

He located in Brooklyn about forty-five years ago, and began commercial life in the dry goods trade. Finance was his forte, so he secured a clerkship in the banking house of Van Kleeck, Reed & Drexel, at No. 27 Wall street.

When the firm passed out of existence

## MAYOR STRONG MAY MARRY THE PAIR.

### Belmont-Vanderbilt Wedding May Be Performed by the City Executive.

### Bishop Potter Says That Episcopal Clergymen Are Forbidden to Officiate in This Case.

### HE QUOTES THE LAW OF THE CHURCH.

### A Canon Prohibits Ministers from Marrying Divorced Persons Save in a Particular Instance—Bishop-Elect Satterlee Concurs in This.

The many complications surrounding the Belmont-Vanderbilt wedding, which, it is said, will occur shortly, seem to magnify as the nuptial day approaches. In addition to the opposition to the marriage on the part of certain friends and relatives on both sides, a new and more serious obstacle is now presented.

Under the canons of the Episcopal Church it is unlawful for any rector of that denomination to officiate at the marriage of a divorced person. Only one exception is made to this inviolable rule, and that is in the case of the innocent party in divorce proceedings where the charge is infidelity. In that contingency only can the services of an Episcopal clergyman be invoked in performing a marriage ceremony.

It would seem that under these circumstances it will be necessary for Mrs. Vanderbilt to resort to the methods adopted by Mrs. Lillian Hamersley when she married the Duke of Marlborough some years ago. That couple labored under the same difficulties which confront Mr. Belmont and Mrs. Vanderbilt, but they found a way to obviate them.

### MARRIED BY THE MAYOR.

In that case Abram S. Hewitt, then Mayor of New York, officiated. To all intents and purposes it was all that was necessary to make them man and wife, but for some reason a church service was deemed advisable, and a second marriage was had at the Baptist Tabernacle, on the corner of Second avenue and Eleventh street, in which the Rev. Daniel C. Potter, a Baptist clergyman, officiated.

By a strange coincidence Creighton Webb, a relative of W. K. Vanderbilt, and Mrs. Blanche Cruger, who at the time was involved in matrimonial difficulties, but who is now Mrs. I. Frederic Tams, were witnesses.

Should it be necessary to secure the assistance of some outsider to unite Mr. Belmont and his fiancée, it is more than likely that the services of Mayor Strong will be called into requisition.

### EPISCOPAL LAW STRICT.

Bishop Henry C. Potter was asked last night about the matter. He said that the Episcopal law was strict on this subject, and opening the book of canons called attention to section 2 of canon No. 13. It reads as follows:

Section 2—No minister, knowingly, after due inquiry, shall solemnize the marriage of any person who has a divorced husband or wife still living. If such husband or wife has been put away for any cause arising after marriage, but this cause shall not be held to apply to the innocent party in a divorce for the cause of adultery, or to parties, once divorced, seeking to be united again.

## SHOT TO DEATH BY AN ANGRY MOB.

### Niagara County Farmers Pursue and Kill Murderer George H. Smith.

### The Armed Posse Was Headed by a Deputy Sheriff and a Constable.

### Their Victim, Who Had Taken His Father-in-Law's Life, Cornered in a Farm House.

### HE FIRED UPON THEM AND HIT ONE.

### At This the Lynchers Discharged a Volley into the Side of the House and Riddled the Man with Bul- lets and Shot.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 10.—Aroused by the brutal murder of Robert Clapsaddle, an aged farmer of the town of Ransomville, seventy-five of the most prominent farmers of Niagara County formed a posse and pursued the assassin, George H. Smith, the son-in-law of the victim. The murder was committed at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and three hours later Smith was cornered in a farmhouse and shot to death.

Robert Clapsaddle, who was sixty-eight years old, lived about a mile south of the village with his wife, their youngest daughter and a twelve-year-old boy, the son of Smith. He was highly respected in the community and well-to-do. Fifteen years ago Clapsaddle's eldest daughter caused him great grief by marrying Smith, a handsome but shiftless fellow, who drank continually. About three years ago Smith's intemperance and brutality caused his wife to obtain a separation from him. Smith imagined that Clapsaddle had induced his daughter to make this move, and just after the separation proceedings were begun he attacked and brutally beat the old farmer. He was sent to prison three times for this and other offenses, but the terms of his confinement were short.

About eighteen months ago Mrs. Smith married John Declute, a farmer, living about four miles from the Clapsaddle home, and her boy went to live with Clapsaddle. Smith failed in an attempt to kidnap the child, but made several visits to his father-in-law's home and threatened to kill him for what he termed the alienation of his wife's affections. Another turn of his criminal nature prevented him from carrying out this purpose long ago.

John Moore, a prominent citizen of Ransomville, incurred Smith's hate, and the latter charged him with smuggling Chinamen across the Canadian border. At the trial it was proved that Moore was innocent. Smith was convicted of perjury and sent to prison for a year. As he was taken from court he swore that when released from prison he would kill Clapsaddle.

### SHOT THE OLD MAN DEAD.

His term expired November 1, and since then he has lived a vagrant's life. Once or twice he visited the Clapsaddle home, but was refused admittance.

Early this afternoon Smith went to the house of his father-in-law. The old man was sitting in his parlor with his daughter. Clapsaddle's grandson was in another part of the house. The aged farmer was reading a paper and did not notice Smith's entrance. The assassin drew a revolver and Miss Clapsaddle screamed. Her warning was too late, however, and Smith sent a bullet into his father-in-law's head. Clapsaddle fell to the floor dead. The murdered man from the house and across the fields. The nearest neighbor of the Clapsaddles lived half a mile away, and the son of the assassin started to notify the neighbor of the tragedy. The latter hurried to the house, and the boy went for a doctor, a quarter of a mile further on. He did not know that his grandfather was dead.

The report of the murder soon reached the village of Ransomville, and a posse was organized, with a Deputy Sheriff at the head. They learned from Miss Clapsaddle that Smith had fled in the direction of Declute's, and it was surmised that he was on his way to deal with his ex-wife as he had with her father. Horses were procured, and the posse began a hot pursuit, those unable to get a mount running along behind. At the head of the posse besides Deputy Richard Wolf were Constable Jefferson T. Warden, George F. Monahan and Richard McCracken, the latter the biggest fruit shipper in the county.

It was not until they were within half a mile of Declute's house that they caught sight of Smith. At sight of him they urged their horses forward, and Smith started on a run. The leaders of the posse caught up with him near the house of Farmer Brown, but a short distance from Declute's. When ordered to surrender the murderer made a dash for Brown's. At the door he stopped and drew his revolver. He fired one shot at his pursuers, and cried:

"The first man who follows me dies!"

### HE FIRED UPON THE MOB.

Alarmed by the hubbub Brown opened his door. Smith rushed past him and concealed himself in a clothes press, waving off the family with his pistol. The clothes press has a window looking upon the yard, and the posse went toward it. They called to Smith to surrender, and he replied by thrusting his arm through the window and firing upon the posse. The bullets broke the wrist of Elmer Clapsaddle, a distant relative of the murdered farmer.

The man hunters levelled a score of shotguns, rifles and pistols at the window. "Wait," cried Deputy Wolf. "Give him one more chance. Smith, come out and surrender yourself."

There was no answer. Believing that the murderer was plotting more devilry, Wolf gave the order to fire.

There was a crash of musketry. When the smoke cleared the wall was seen to be perforated like a colander. There was a groan and the sound of a falling body. The posse rushed into the house, and burst open the locked door of the closet.

The murderer was lying upon the floor,

## TEN MILLIONS THEIR STAKE.

### Raid on the City Treasury Planned by Westchester "Promoters."

### Water Contracts Hurriedly Se- cured Before Annexation Became a Law.

### Capital Stock Raised to an Enor- Figure in the Rear Room a Village Store.

### ELECTRIC LIGHT GRAB SPL

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New York, he probably had no conception of the stupendous jobs behind the scheme which the Law Department of this city is now engaged in uncovering. While the whole plan was presented to the Legislature as a public necessity, and for the greatest good to the greatest number, developments are being made that show the matter was engineered by a ring and backed by a lobby of interested persons bent on securing the treasury of this city.

A presentment of this induced Comptroller Fitch to ask the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, while the city budget was being discussed last month, not to pay the claims of the Bronx Gas and Electric Company for lighting. For the same reason he objected to paying a cent to the New York and Westchester Water Company and its three allies.

These lighting and water concerns had secured contracts with the annexation string to them. Edward M. Bliven, Moses R. Crow and their co-workers knew that under the laws which they either procured themselves, or helped to procure, annexation was sure to follow, and that New York would be expected to take their plants and contracts as a part of the new burden which it was to assume.

### Brooklyn an Example.

They understood precisely, as Mr. Fitch pointed out, how the city of Brooklyn had been caught, as when taking in the domain of Fargueson, in New Utrecht, and John Y. McKane, in Gravesend, it had to shoulder the enormous expense which had been incurred by placing gas lamps over three square miles of cabbage and corn fields, and to absorb private water companies which ran mains along hedges and byways where there was not a house or a barn.

### DESPERATE DECKER DEAD.

### The Man Who Stole Miss Shepard's Dia- monds Kills Himself in the Phosphate Mines.

St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 10.—Charles Pierce, alias Charles Dutton, alias Dr. Decker, of New York, who was sentenced to nine years in the phosphate mines one year ago for stealing diamonds from Lynn's Hotel and from Miss Shepard, of New York, at the Corvora Hotel, committed suicide today at Captain Whilden's phosphate mine, near Wade, Alachua County, Florida, by cutting his throat with a pocket knife.

Several months since Pierce made a like attempt with a razor, and it was only by careful nursing that his life was saved. In another instance he obtained a suit of citizens clothes and boldly walked out of the mines, but his keepers missed him in time to effect his capture.

He was known as a desperate man, and several times before he was sentenced he stated that he would either escape or kill himself. While in jail in this city he tried to poison himself with a solution of match heads and acid.

### ONE DUELIST WILL DIE.

### Alardi Fatally Wounded in an Encounter with Vinea, in Which Razors Were the Weapons.

James Alardi, forty years old, of No. 412 East One Hundred and Thirtieth street, and Joseph Vinea, twenty-six years old, of No. 433 East One Hundred and Fourteenth street, last night, after a dispute over a card game in the saloon of Salvatore Marino, at First avenue and One Hundred and Thirtieth street, went outside and fought a duel. They used razors as weapons and fought until clotted into submission by Policemen Whelan.

They were so weak from loss of blood that it was necessary to take them to the Harlem Hospital in an ambulance. There it was found that Alardi's nose had been cut in half, his right ear entirely chopped off, and he also had a bad cut across the forehead, and a deep cut at the back of the neck.

Vinea had half his left ear cut off, his left cheek had been laid open, and there was a severe cut on the top of his head and another deep one in the neck. Despite these injuries, it is believed that he will recover. There is, however, no hope for Alardi, who, it is thought, will die before morning.

### Bentley by Highwayman.

John Bentley, a young man, living at No. 473 Adelphi street, Brooklyn, entered the Bergen Street Police Station at 2 o'clock this morning. He was bleeding from a cut on the face and was dazed. It said that he had been attacked by three footpads at Atlantic avenue and Adelphi street.

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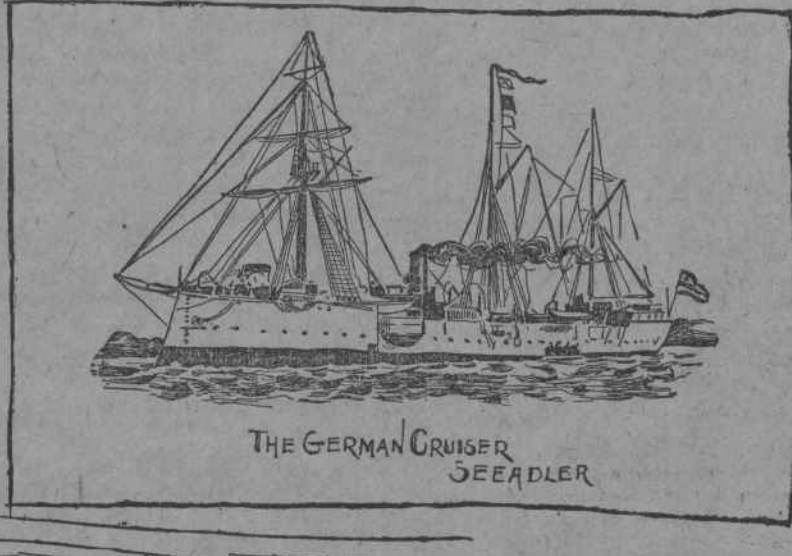
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Knapp entered the firm of A. S. Peabody & Co., as junior member. In the course of time he became head of the firm of Knapp & Peabody, at No. 78 New street. For some years he was a member of the Open Board of Brokers, and remained with it until it was consolidated with the New York Stock Exchange in 1889. At the time of his death he was in the stock brokerage business at No. 52 Broadway.

MONEY GIVEN TO CHARITIES.

Mr. Knapp was a man of great wealth, and he gave generously to church work and charities. For over thirty years he taught a Bible class in the Clinton Avenue Congregational Church, and he was active in the work on the Atlantic Avenue Chapel connected with the church. He took an active interest in matters outside of his church, and was vice-president of the Newsboys' Home and president of the Mid-night Mission on Wiloughby street.

He was one of the founders of the Oxford Club, but as club life was not congenial to him he withdrew after a membership of one year. He was an accomplished musician.

Mr. Knapp leaves a wife and two children. The remains will be buried in Greenwood Cemetery to-morrow afternoon.

This port is on the southeast coast of Africa, and belongs to Portugal. It was from the See Adler, which is in the bay and has just been joined there by another German cruiser, the Condor, that Emperor William wished to land marines to assist President Krueger. The gunboat Thrusch is the only ship England has in the bay, but two of her cruisers are expected daily to arrive there.

(Drawn by a Journal staff artist.)

DR. RAINSFORD'S VIEWS.

Rev. William S. Rainsford, rector of St. George's Church, Sixteenth street and Stuyvesant square, said that it was positively against the laws of the Episcopal Church for an Episcopal clergyman to officiate in marrying a divorced person.

"In the case of the Vanderbilt-Belmont engagement," said he, "the possibility of being married under the laws of the Church would be precluded because both have been divorced."

He was asked if any Episcopal clergyman

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